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Far from the maddening media

'Good news is no news' — the motto of local media's coverage of UB.

by Nickolai Krlev
Co-editor

It has been a very special month for UB — this much media attention has not been observed for years, if ever. Hopefully, the journalism students here haven't tried to learn from the kind of reporting part of the local media demonstrated when covering the "Dr. Dai" story and a student's protest for being discriminated on campus.

Many people at UB knew that a reporter from the Weekly was around for some time, researching a story and interviewing administrators and students. Some also knew the topic of the story: a possible connection between the Chinese student allegedly "brokering organs" and the Unification Church. The reporter didn't leave any impression of a negative attitude toward UB.

The issue of the Weekly came out, however, and the same people who had talked to the reporter couldn't believe their own eyes. A big sub-headline, attracting much more attention

than the headline, asked whether UB as an institution was actually helping broker organs from China. The same question appeared on the front page.

The story itself seemed fair: it presented the point of view of both sides, and explained their positions. But even a freshman in journalism knows that most people will never read the whole story. Rather, they will look at the headlines for a moment, taken from their busy schedules, and the impression they will get will no doubt be that UB is selling organs. It may not be proven yet, but never mind — if they write about that, there is probably something true.

Another "breaking story" lead the 11 o'clock news of Channel 8 on October 23: a student felt discriminated at UB because he was not a mem-

ber of the Unification Church. Therefore, all students not members of the church should have felt discriminated.

I know it's not easy to find a story every day to open up the night newscast with. I understand that such a story sells. But I also know that a basic rule in journalism is to give a chance to both sides in a dispute to present their positions.

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Channel 8 van reporting on breaking news every night.

I'm just a mediator, Mr. Dai tells The Scribe

Alleged 'organ broker' says he only informs patients of treatment in China, doesn't know what happens later.

by Sharon Loh

What was seen on ABC's "Prime-time Live" tape was my attempt to offer help in finding an organ, the alleged "organ broker," Dai Yong, told The Scribe.

In an exclusive interview last week, Mr. Dai, 33, who is a graduate student in nutrition at UB, said that he was merely trying to "introduce American patients to China's, as well as other countries', medical care."

He said he is just a mediator in providing information and phone numbers to American patients interested in treatment in China. In the ABC case, the treatment happened to be a kidney transplant.

He said he had already been providing information to people with diabetes and heart diseases, when a friend suggested to him to try to help people with kidney failures.

Mr. Dai placed in a New York Chinese newspaper an ad that read: "Kidney transplant in China — don't lose opportunity!" He received nearly 20 phone calls but none of the people interested actually met him, because they didn't find him credible enough. However, one of the prospective patients, the last one, turned out to be quite interested. Moreover, he even

taped Mr. Dai with a hidden camera and showed the tape on national television.

ABC claims that it has a signed document in which Mr. Dai agrees to accept \$5,000 in exchange for "promising a healthy kidney."

The money, Mr. Dai told The

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Dai Yong

Scribe, was needed to "open doors in China," which would shorten the waiting line for a new organ. The money also covers a successful transplant, and a second transplant, in case the first organ is rejected. The air fare to China was also included.

Mr. Dai said he wasn't sure where the actual transplants would take place, since he just provides the connection, not the service.

"I can't do anything. I'm not sure where the organ comes from. It is out of my range," he said.

In China, Mr. Dai said, kidney transplants are very expensive and "almost nobody can afford it." That's why rich patients from other countries

are being offered transplants.

Mr. Dai said that he and his wife are both doctors in China and have personal "connections with other colleagues on the mainland." He said he is a pathologist in China, but his degree was only recognized as a Master of Medicine in the United States.

Legal authorities at both state and federal level are looking into the case, the press announced.

But Mr. Dai is sure he has nothing to worry about. Several lawyers, including lawyers from New York, have contacted him to offer their services in a potential case for privacy violation against ABC.

However, Mr. Dai is not raising any charges yet.

"It is not the right time. I want to wait to see if there are any laws that were violated. It is also difficult to decide on suing a national network. ABC is a giant," he said.

After the ABC story was aired, many of the people who know Mr. Dai have started looking at him as "organ broker."

"But I'm not an organ broker," he said.

Special Report
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Car accident takes student's life

Robert Schweizer, dead at 19

by John Musser

A car accident in the early morning hours after Halloween took the life of 19-years-old Robert Schweizer, Jr., a sophomore and baseball player at UB.

At 2:43 a.m. on November 1, Robert was driving back to Seeley, after attending the Halloween dance and visiting friends in Bodine Hall. He collided into a light pole in the median of Park Avenue, just south of Linden Avenue.

There were four witnesses on the scene of the accident, two of them UB students: Minerva Ubina and Michelle Rodas. They were interviewed by Officer Magnus of the Bridgeport Police.

They reported that they saw a vehicle traveling south on Park Avenue at a high speed, lose control, and then hit the center esplanade.

The police report released Monday, November 10, indicates that Robert was ejected from his Chevrolet Celebrity, and was lying on the ground near the vehicle when the police arrived.

Passerby Tim Worrell who was heading north on Park Avenue stopped to administer first aid.

Robert was immediately rushed to the Bridgeport Hospital where he remained in critical condition for nearly two days, with a spinal injury.

Because of the severity of his condition, he was taken off life support and allowed to pass away late Sunday, November 2.

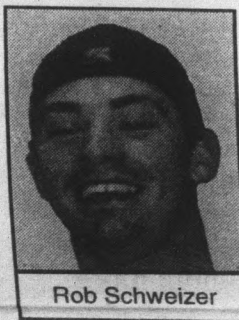
The police report doesn't say anything about alcohol influence. Friends of Robert said after the accident that he had been drinking earlier that night.

The police attribute the driver's loss of control to wet pavement, after heavy rain, and high speed.

A memorial service was held at Waldermere Hall on Monday, November 3.

Many students attended Rob's funeral on Thursday, November 6, in his hometown, Harriman, New York.

Students say 'Goodbye' to a good friend
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Rob Schweizer

News

Mayor Ganim misses election debate, gets re-elected

Prof. van der Giessen moderates a forum of mayor and City Council candidates

by Naiden Stoyanov

Five days before this year's elections, on October 30, candidates for mayor and City Council members of Bridgeport met at the home for the elderly at 3030 Park Avenue in 133rd district to discuss hot issues. The candidates presented the basic points of their election platforms and answered questions of the public. UB's political science professor, Dr. Hans van der Giessen, moderated the debate.

The mayor of Bridgeport, Joe Ganim, reelected on November 4, did not show up, which his running mates interpreted as disrespect to the residents of the building. But the other three candidates used the opportunity to express their intentions if elected.

Reformist Robert Pavlick criticized Mr. Ganim's policy: he said that the Police Department and the Board of Education didn't get what they had requested, while other departments were given more than they needed.

Republican Joan Magnuson, too, brought up the issue about the financial situation of the city.

Gilbert Davis, a petitioning candidate endorsed by the Green Party, came in late but didn't miss the chance to express his views. He called for full participation of all Bridgeport citizens in rebuilding the city.

"Our families came here on different ships, but we all are on the same boat now," said Mr. Davis, contrasting the "great past" of Bridgeport to its "poor present."

All but two of the City Council candidates for 133rd district attended the forum. Most of them emphasized their Bridgeport origin, except for Chris Hempowicz, a native of Poland who is the minister of the Unification Church in Bridgeport.

More visible and better police protection was the basic concern of Reformists Lopez and Radzwillas, while Mr. Cerreta, a Republican, wanted re-evaluation of the real estate in Bridgeport.

Ms. Driscoll, a Democrat, pointed

out crime as her primary concern after mentioning that she was waitress in the dining hall of "3030 Park" during her high school years.

Crime and education turned out to be the major concerns of all candidates.



Dr. Hans van der Giessen helps seniors ask questions.

Green card lottery to end November 24

by Lucas Mc Cloud

Every year, the U.S. diversity immigration program provides 55,000 permanent residence visas to its applicants meeting the eligibility requirements. Applicants are chosen at random by a computer generated lottery program, and the amount of visas given out is apportioned among six different geographic regions. More visas are given to regions with lower rates of immigration, and no country receives visas if more than 50,000 people have immigrated to the U.S. in the past five years.

To enter, applicants must meet certain education and nativity requirements. Nativity is determined by place of birth, and all applicants must have a high school education, or an equivalent. Only one entry form is allowed per applicant.

Entries received after 12 p.m. on November 24, 1997, will be disqualified. Other regulations include personally signing the entry in the applicant's native alphabet, entry envelopes between 6 and 10 inches long, and between 3.5 and 4.5 inches wide, and indication of applicant's nativity on the envelope. Violations of these regulations will disqualify any applicant.

Registrants will be selected at random and notified by mail during April and July 1998. Those selected will be notified with further instructions.

To obtain a copy of the official bulletin and find out the mailing address for entries, interested parties should visit the Wahlstrom Library, and ask the reference librarian for an



Dawn Valenti

official copy of the Visa Bulletin from the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, number 78A, volume VII.

For any further questions, you can turn to Dawn Valenti, director of international affairs, in the Student Center, or call at x4395.

You can also see Ms. Valenti if you are graduating in December, and need a work permit or a signed I-20 or IAP-66 form.

Open House brings 80 students and 150 guests

by Surovi Abeyratne & Christiana Atta

The first Open House for the current academic year brought to UB 80 prospective students and 150 guests. Held on Election Day, November 4, the Open House took place for the first time at three different locations on campus.

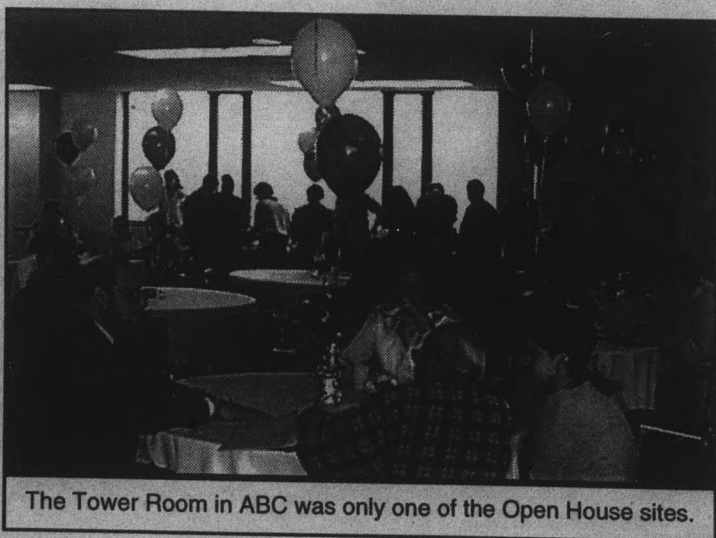
The registration started at the

marketplace today demands a solid education," he said.

He emphasized the international diversity of the University and its role in helping students adapt to the changes in the world today.

Dr. Anthony Guerra, dean of the College of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies, said in his speech that the world is a cruel place and that students

find refuge and support within the academic walls of UB. Dean Guerra pointed out the individual assistance that one would receive at UB, as well as the ability to change majors without a hassle unlike other liberal arts colleges.



The Tower Room in ABC was only one of the Open House sites.

lobby of the Arnold Bernhard Center, followed by coffee and bagels in the Tower room. Prospective students were welcomed by representatives of some of the clubs on campus. A lunch at the Student Center followed the campus tours, and the final presentation and the prize drawing were held in Dana Hall.

Dean of Admissions Suzanne Wilcox delivered the welcome address followed by orientation talks by representatives of the Security, Athletics and Campus Life departments. Several new tour guides were trained to give campus tours.

At the lunch, President Rubenstein spoke about the rapid changes occurring in the market place and the importance marketable skills one should have in order to succeed. "Edu-

A student panel answered questions of prospective students on security, international diversity, financial aid and other aspects of campus life. At a faculty showcase, professors introduced their departments to the students.

The final presentations were given by Dominic Yoia, director of financial aid, Lynette Wood, career services counselor, and Joseph Marrone, director of undergraduate admissions.

Peter Fleischmann, director of international admissions, who was in charge of the Open House together with Danielle Schneider, director of graduate admissions, thanked all students, faculty and administration who helped organize and hold a successful event.

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Tonya Flynt-Vega (third from left) was welcomed by both students and faculty.

Tonya Flynt condemns Daddy at UB, gets \$2,000

by Michelle Sjostedt & Seemanti Borkotoky

Tonya Flynt-Vega, daughter of pornography king and publisher of Hustler magazine, Larry Flynt, condemned at UB her father for sexually abusing her as a child, and called for not applying the First Amendment to pornography.

Ms. Flynt-Vega visited the campus on November 6 to talk about the ill-effects of porn. The event was jointly hosted by the nation-wide organization, Pure Love Alliance (P.L.A.) and SCUBA. Keiha Kobayashi, president of P.L.A. said that the club contacted Tonya Flynt at the Southern Connecticut State University, where she was giving a similar talk. Approximately one hundred people were in attendance for the forty-five minute lecture.

She was paid \$2,000 to speak at UB. The money came from various sources, including the seed money that is given to all clubs by Student Congress, fund-raisers and sponsors of P.L.A.

The main point Ms. Flynt-Vega made was that pornography is one of the main causes of sexual offenses, because the people who help to make it a \$12 billion industry try to emulate the sexually violent scenes depicted in the magazines and movies. This claim is founded by the fact that she is charging her own father with sexual abuse

because of his use of pornography in her early childhood, in effect causing her to become a "sexual addict" in her later years, something that she is battling with the help of her new-found faith in Christianity.

Ms. Flynt-Vega said that pornography should not be protected under the First Amendment because of its obscene nature. She added that by protecting pornography the government is taking away people's rights to protect their families from sexual crimes. According to her, the makers of the film "The People vs. Larry Flynt," portrayed her father as a hero rather than as the sexual abuser that she claims he is.

The audience took active participation in the discussion, asking questions concerning her childhood, her faith and the effects pornography has on society. There were varied responses ranging from agreement to discord. Most students agreed that porn has a negative influence on community, though some felt that it was not the driving force behind sexually related crimes.

The discussion had a strong impact on everyone present, raising many thought-provoking questions for which there are no clear answers. No matter whether people agree or disagree with what was said, the forum clearly showed that UB is a diverse campus where everyone's views are tolerated and welcome.

Dean Merritt buys cigarettes

Tries to make students quit smoking.

by Michelle Sjostedt

Dean of Students Janet Meritt has begun her own crusade to stamp out cancer. She is trying to get students to quit smoking by taking their cigarettes and, in return, giving them \$2.50 a cigarette pack.

"I know how hard it is to quit, because there is always that feeling of 'well, I'll stop after this last pack.' I want to make this easier for the students here by taking care of that for them," Dean Meritt said.

So far, only about six students have taken advantage of her offer. But she hopes that as more people learn about it, they will come to her. This is something she has started on her own, and the money is coming from her personal funds. This will stay that way, unless the cost becomes too much for her to handle on her own.

Dean Meritt was a smoker herself until ten years ago. She knows how hard it is to stop, and in realizing this, she has come up with more than just giving students money for their cigarettes. She has created a gift bag of sorts, containing several items she found crucial in quitting smoking.

The "tools to quit smoking," as she calls them, come in a small black gift

pack, and consist of a bottle of spring water, two packs of bubble gum, a rubber band, as a means to, occupy ones hand rather than reach for a cigarette, and numerous pamphlets on the dangers of smoking.



Dean Janet Meritt

Dean Meritt doesn't want to preach to the students that smoking is bad. They are all intelligent young adults and don't need one more person drumming this message into their minds, she said.

She realizes that there are going to be some students who will take advantage of the situation, and she is prepared for that. Obviously, there are going to be students who will give Dean Meritt half a pack of cigarettes, and upon receiving the money, will promptly go and buy some more.

One student who went to Dean Meritt for the money said, "I went to her, and had one cigarette left, and she gave me enough money for a whole pack. What do you think I did? I went back out and got another pack."

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Features

3030 Park - home of three UB trustees

by Diana Vaptzarova

"They have to get used to the fact that they will get old one day," said Prof. Milton Greenhalgh, speaking about the students at UB. "It is very important that we old people sustain a good relationship with the youngsters," he added.

The link between two generations is just a few miles away from campus. 3030 Park is a place where old people can buy an apartment and live there in a community of their own peers. Three members of UB's Board of Trustees live there.

Dr. Henry Littlefield is former president of UB. He is now 92, and has lived in 3030 Park for a long time. His wife passed away a few years ago, and he is now alone like most people in the building, according to Polly Pass, residential director of the building.

The other UB people living there are Prof. Milton Greenhalgh, 85, who has been teaching at UB for 65 years, and Dr. Charles Reed, former vice president of General Electric and holder of a presidency medal in science.

3030 Park provides a variety of services to make old people's lives easier and more interesting. People get together very often and play different games, or just chat.

There is a big park behind the building where people can go for a stroll or garden, if they wish. They can also play games like Ping-Pong, pool and shuffle board, or keep fit in the exercise area.

There are different shops in the complex. In the carpentry shop people can buy tools which they can use to make wooden figures. There are also a beauty shop, a pharmacy and a bank in the building.

Old people can also have a lot of fun in the library or the piano lounge. For religious people, there is a chapel in the building. Those sharing the same religion get together and give their worship to God.

If some of the elderly feel that they can't look after themselves, they may move to the health center, attached to the apartments, where nursing care is provided.

Dr. Betty Rubenstein, art professor at UB, will do a program with the residents of the building, who already take



3030 Park provides a variety of services to its residents.

different classes like sculpture and painting.

Dr. Littlefield and Prof. Greenhalgh are both concerned about the future of UB. Dr. Littlefield said he got his Ph.D. at Yale, and then received eight honorary doctorates from universities in the area.

"Don't you think that it's some kind of respect that so many colleges gave me honorary degrees? It's because they respect what I did at UB," said Dr. Littlefield.

Prof. Greenhalgh, who teaches chemistry at UB, also spoke of the university. "The city of Bridgeport doesn't appreciate our university," he said, "although we have done so much for it."

New literary magazine published

by Ana Ahmatova

Finally, after a long pause of a year and a half, the literary magazine, formerly known as The Gate, is out, now bearing the name of Full Moon and having professor Dick Allen as an academic advisor.

According to the magazine's organizers and editors, Tracy Holle, Kyle Reeves and Ana Kleshelskaya, this was just a trial issue, to make students and faculty aware of this free forum, where creativity-driven students have a chance to express themselves in a form of a literary magazine.

In 12 pages, Full Moon features some artwork, poems and a short

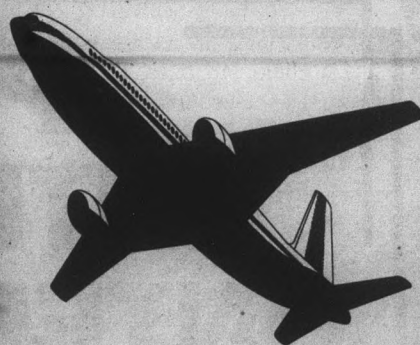
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The later Junior College of Connecticut

by Jean Lesperance

The Junior College of Connecticut (JCC), began in 1927 and continued until 1947, when it merged into the University of Bridgeport. It survived the difficult years of the Great Depression, continuing to serve the Bridgeport area.

The JCC saw its responsibilities clearly, educating some students for the work force and preparing others to continue their higher education. Academic work done at the junior college had the same value as the first two years at any four-year institution.

The college administrators understood that some students needed to work, so some part-time positions were provided for work after classes. The faculty and the staff had a big concern about the working students' academic achievements.

In the early years, the college did not have dormitories. However, it was arranged for the Young Men's Christian Association and the Jewish Welfare Society to provide rooms for the enrolled students.

As a faculty member of the School of Education of New York University, Mr. E. Everett Cortright made a study of junior college programs. His experience and charisma had attracted a group of forward-looking people who were ready to support his plan.

The college received many donations from industries and wealthy citizens plus a grant from a foreign government. One of the most interesting gifts was the "Ancient Lamp of

Learning," presented by the Greek government. It was donated to the college as a symbol of its progressive work for the advancement of American youth.

The junior college experienced hard times during the Great Depression. In 1938, there was a meeting at the college to decide whether to close or to continue to try to serve a depressed community at a deficit. The two-year school had a reasonable tuition, but it was still difficult for many to afford.

The United States had become a defense-oriented country and Bridgeport - a center for weapons manufacture. At that time, Adolph Hitler's armies were beginning to march into neighboring countries, commencing the Second World War. The draft started after a few years, and students went to war.

But defense workers stayed in Bridgeport and attended the junior college part time. Because of the GI Bill and a grant that the college had received from the federal government, the JCC expanded its capacity so that a great number of students were able to attend. When the junior college expanded, it moved to Seaside Park. There was no date set for it to become a four-year college. However, it grew rapidly and soon became the University of Bridgeport.

This article is a part of a project about the history of UB done in Prof. L. Thomas' Capstone class, and is to be published in a booklet.

Investigation

UB student feels discriminated, complains to media

Lee Marrero writes to Board of Education, Channel 8 airs story on top of newscast

by Diana Vaptzarova

On Thursday, October 23, a WTNH-TV (Channel 8) van stopped on Park Avenue, at the beginning of campus. Surprised students passing by wondered what had inspired the media's interest.

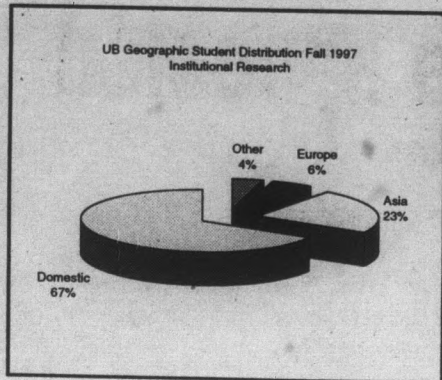
They soon would find out that Channel 8 was setting up a live feed to open its 11 o'clock newscast. According to the story, a UB student officially accused the University of discriminating against him. He also charged that UB favors members of the Unification Church over other students.

In a letter to the Connecticut Board of Governors of Higher Education (BGHE), Lee Marrero, junior class president, requested a "full investigation" of the case.

Mr. Marrero's main concern was that the University's administration had harassed him in a number of ways. This, according to him, was due to his forthrightness in expressing an antagonistic opinion of the Unification Church.

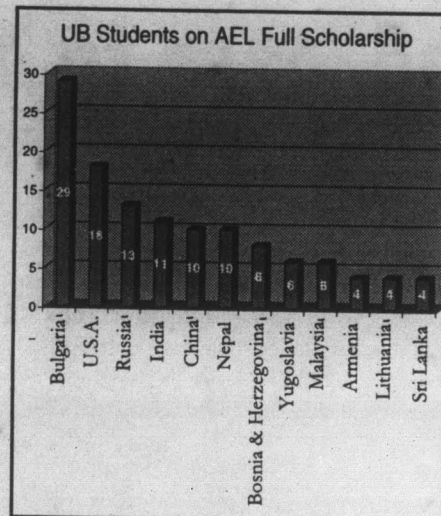
In the letter to BGHE, written by Mr. Marrero's attorney, Michael A. Stratton, Lee was brought up on full disciplinary charges for protesting last spring a student parade on campus organized by CARP, a student organization known as the collegiate arm of the Unification Church.

According to the letter, the harassment lasted twelve weeks. During that period the administration changed Mr. Marrero's housing a number of times, stating that he was not wanted there



by his neighbors.

Mr. Marrero charged that the administration also coerced him to take three separate urine tests, alleging that Lee was a drug addict, and threatened him with dismissal from the dorm if he did not agree to take the tests. As stated in the letter, the administration also threatened to expel Mr. Marrero unless he attended counsel-



ing. Last September, the letter says, Mr. Marrero formed an Alternative Thinking Club on campus. According to the Channel 8 report, the school tried to suppress his organization for its "anti-Moony positions." Dalia Hernandez, speaker of the House, said that Lee has never completed a club registration application and added that this is the only way for a club to be registered.

Manish Chowdhary, president of the University of Bridgeport Alternative Thinkers Club, said that Lee is not a member of his club and has never participated in its founding. He said he does not want his club's name to be associated with Lee's "anti-moony positions," and that his club is mainly

concerned with "alternative" social issues.

"I definitely would have gone elsewhere and saved myself a whole lot of trouble," stated Mr. Marrero in the interview with WTNH.

In the letter to BGHE, Lee's attorney says that it all started with an article his client wrote in The Scribe last spring. In the article, Lee criticized the University's "extensive recruitment efforts in the Far East." Mr. Marrero accused the Admissions Office of "defeating our school's whole diversity approach to education" and stated that this was not only his opinion but that of other students as well.

Lee's article ignited many response letters from UB students and staff, which were published in the subsequent issue of The Scribe.

An Institutional Research of the students' geographical distribution conducted on October 3, 1997 shows that there are currently 2,427 students attending UB. This includes undergraduates, graduates, chiropractic and naturopathic students.

Almost 70 percent of them, or 1,629, are domestic students. The remaining 798 come from 74 different countries. Those from India account for the largest number of international students - 127. They are followed by Japan with 111 students, and China with 100 students.

There are 144 students on a full scholarship, for which all freshmen and transfer students are eligible. The AEL Scholarship, as it is named, pays for tuition and room and board. At the top of the AEL scholars chart are 29 students from Bulgaria, followed by 13 Russians and 11 Indians.

There is one AEL recipient from South Korea and none from Japan.

Lee Marrero and his attorney have requested that BGHE conduct a full investigation. According to UB's vice president for development, Donna Marino, the Board's response was that

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Coalition of Concerned Citizens backs Marrero

by Sharon Loh

In the case of Lee Marrero's charges against the University of Bridgeport for discriminating against him, a name of an organization was mentioned. Both Marrero and his lawyer are members of the Coalition of Concerned Citizens.

In a recent interview with The Scribe, Bridgeport Councilman Bill Finch, an active member of the Coalition of Concerned Citizens, said that the organization was founded by citizens of Bridgeport when Reverend Sun Myung Moon "attempted to purchase UB in the early 1990s."

The Coalition believes that "it is wrong for a cult to own UB... certainly wrong for Moon to own UB." The organization also thinks that Reverend Moon wants to own UB for the same reason he is linked to a wide circulation newspaper in Washington, D.C., The Washington Times. He wants to use this for his credibility, thus enhancing his recruitment of new members.

"Maybe it (recruiting) is not happening at UB, but it is all over the world. Moon would say, 'I'm okay, I own UB, I have my own college,'" Mr. Finch said. He added that the coalition believes that by having a college, Moon is now able to legally bring in money and help the immigration of his followers into the United States.

Finch said that the Unification Church is only a fraction to the Moon organization. "The organization is much bigger than just a religious aspect and the main goal is for political power."

Dr. Anthony Guerra, dean of the College of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies, agreed that Reverend Moon had indeed founded more than a religion, and a way to "influence the world." This is what every religious founder wants to do. His mission is to help the world, to save and improve the people. It is the fundamental purpose of all major religious personalities, besides just teaching the religion. "Reverend Moon wants to build a new culture," said Dr. Guerra.

"Jesus fed the hungry, and he taught religious teachings, Mohammed was concerned with the plight of women and children and he also taught the Al Q'uran," he said.

The Coalition of Concerned Citizens, Mr. Finch said, is trying to educate the public of the reasons of the organization.

"I personally believe that Reverend Moon wants to take over the world, replace existing democracy with theocracy. He will also get away with as much as he can," Mr. Finch said.

The most recent tactic used by the group is a student essay competition with the title, "What Moon Ownership of the University of Bridgeport Has Meant to Me," in Mr. Finch's words.

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Student Poll

Do you feel in any way discriminated by UB?



So far not all people seems to treat me like everybody else.

Justina Boampang



An institution so rich in diversity, I don't find it adversely tainted.

Noman Pasha



No, well not to my knowledge. So far, everyone seems nice.

Larissa Richardson



Yes, we are all discriminated every day of our lives. Discrimination isn't always a bad thing.

Ryan Skelley



No, I don't believe so.

Kimlien Phan



Never. Especially at UB.

Timur Nurullaev

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Au pair freed, case to be appealed

Both sides don't agree with judge's decision.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) A judge reduced Louise Woodward's murder conviction to manslaughter and set the English au pair free Monday in hopes of bringing "a compassionate conclusion" to a case that threw a spotlight on everything from working moms to the American legal system.

As the world watched, Judge Hiller B. Zobel sentenced Ms. Woodward to the 279 days served since her arrest last February in the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen. The maximum sentence for involuntary manslaughter is 20 years. There is no minimum.

The round-faced 19-year-old showed no reaction in court, not even the enigmatic smile that crossed her lips from time to time during testimony. Her lawyers said she would have no comment.

Hours earlier, the judge ruled that she killed the baby by shaking him violently but that her actions did not constitute second-degree murder because she did not act with malice. Second-degree murder carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole after 15 years.

"In selecting the sentence here I do not denigrate Matthew Eappen's death nor his family's grief," Zobel said. But he added: "It is, in my judgment, time to bring the judicial part of this extraordinary matter to a compassionate conclusion."

Cheers went up outside the courthouse and inside a pub in her village of Elton, England. "Thank you Judge Zobel Elton," said one sign held by a supporter. Others drank champagne.

The baby's parents, Sunil and Deborah Eappen, were out of state, but in suburban Chicago, the child's grandmother said the decision upholds the essence of the jury's finding.

"It still proves that she's guilty," Achamma Eappen said from her home in Hinsdale, Ill. "All that we wanted was for us to know what has really hap-

pened, and this still shows that she's guilty."

The child's grandfather, a pediatrician also named Sunil Eappen, told the BBC that the family was "outraged and disappointed" and that Ms. Woodward's sentence was "totally inadequate."

Prosecutors immediately said they would appeal the reduction of the conviction,

and Zobel ordered Ms. Woodward to stay in Massachusetts until a court decides she can leave.

Ms. Woodward had denied harming the baby, and supporters had argued that the murder conviction and life sentence were too harsh.

To prove malice, a necessary element of second-degree murder, prosecutors would have had to show that "a reasonable person would have known that her intentional act created a substantial risk of death," the judge said.

The judge said he believed that Ms. Woodward's actions were "characterized by confusion, inexperience, frustration, immaturity and some anger, but not malice."

"After extensive, cool, calm reflection, I am morally certain that allowing this defendant on this evidence to remain convicted on second-degree murder would be a miscarriage of justice," the judge wrote.

Defense attorney Barry Scheck praised Zobel.

"We have great respect for what he did and the courage he showed today," Scheck said. "This has been a very tragic case. Matthew Eappen is dead. Nothing is going to change that."

Prosecutor Gerard Leone Jr. had requested a 15- to 20-year sentence, saying Ms. Woodward never accepted responsibility for the killing or showed remorse. The recommended sentence in Massachusetts for involuntary

manslaughter is 3 1/3 to five years.

Ms. Woodward continued to stick to her story. "I maintain what I said at my last sentencing, that I'm innocent," she told the judge.

Defense lawyers said they would appeal for her vindication.

EF Au Pair, the agency that brought Ms. Woodward to the United States, issued a statement saying it would continue to support any efforts to clear her name.

Matthew died Feb. 9, five days after he was taken to a hospital. Prosecutors said evidence of a 2 1/2-inch fracture to the back of the baby's head and bleeding behind Matthew's eyes indicated the baby had been violently shaken and his head had been slammed against a hard surface.

They said Ms. Woodward hated her job because it interfered with her social life and was frustrated by the baby's fussiness.

The defense said the baby actually had been injured two to three weeks earlier. Ms. Woodward denied telling police she may have been "a little rough" with Matthew.

Chinese President thanks Clinton

BEIJING (AP) Jiang Zemin grinned for the cameras, basking one last time in the flattering press provided by China's state media during his trip to the United States.

Back in Beijing, with American protesters and congressional critics left behind, Jiang could safely relish his successful turn as a world leader courted by American business and accepted by President Clinton.

"We will have 18 months to 2 years of positive developments in Chinese-U.S. relations," said Ronald Montaperto, a China specialist at National Defense University in Washington.

Jiang refused to set free imprisoned political prisoners and appeared intractable about holding talks with the Dalai Lama, the exiled leader of Chinese-held Tibet. Both were good-faith gestures sought by the Clinton administration.

On Taiwan, the former U.S. ally China menaced with missiles and war games last year, Jiang got Clinton to renew a pledge acknowledging Beijing's claim to the island. The state media widely reported that vow.

Some of Jiang's prestige now rides on smoother relations with Washington, and the president can count on his control of the state media.

The official media never reported a sharp exchange between Clinton and Jiang over human rights or mentioned anti-China protests throughout the nine-day trip. Xinhua News Agency did, however, note on Tuesday that Jiang has sent a message to the Clintons expressing his "heartfelt thanks."

UNITED NATIONS (AP) Iraq's deputy prime minister had some harsh words Monday for Japan, the United States and Britain, claiming they had undermined the oil-for-food program by sabotaging humanitarian supplies to the Iraq people.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) Hundreds of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza rallied in support of Iraq on Monday, burning U.S. flags and waving pictures of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) Soldiers of the NATO-led peace force confiscated weapons, files and equipment Monday from a Serb special police barracks in northern Bosnia, a first step toward closing it down.

PARIS (AP) French anti-terrorist police on Monday arrested three men and a woman, all armed, who are suspected members of the Spanish Basque separatist group, ETA, police and judicial officials said.

JERUSALEM (AP) Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday that negotiations with the Palestinians were making progress and that only his hard-line government could rally a national majority behind an agreement.

WASHINGTON (AP) President Clinton, in a move certain to cause controversy, has removed Syria and Lebanon from the U.S. list of major drug-producing or drug-transit countries, crediting them with effective drug eradication programs.

BEIJING (AP) Russian and Chinese leaders will oversee an accord ending a decades-old border dispute this week, despite continuing conflict over some areas, a Chinese official said Thursday.

OTTAWA (AP) Canadians could face a nationwide postal strike as early as Thursday unless the postal service and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers resolve their differences.

BEIJING (AP) A strong earthquake shook the western China desert Monday while aftershocks from another powerful quake jolted remote areas in Tibet, government seismologists said.

LANDSBERG, Germany (AP) Five Holocaust memorial stones at a branch of the Dachau concentration camp near Munich were sprayed with paint the night before a ceremony marking the 59th anniversary of the Kristallnacht Nazi pogrom against Jews.

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) Democratic progress in Romania and Bulgaria means citizens who leave those countries are unlikely to receive refugees status elsewhere, a U.N. official said Thursday.

NEW DELHI, India (AP) Political activists demanding the release of criminal suspects from jail hurled rocks at police and stopped vehicles in a northern city Monday, injuring 70 people, local news agencies reported.

MILAN, Italy (AP) A dress created by designer Gianni Versace in his final collection and picked out by Princess Diana weeks before her death has been sold at auction for \$47,000.

Iraq restrains from attacking U.S. plane

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) Despite a week of threatening to shoot American surveillance planes, Iraq did not even attempt to impede a U.S. jet Monday that soared through Iraqi airspace for three hours.

At the same time, several hundred Iraqi civilians many carrying blankets and cooking stoves moved onto the grounds of President Saddam Hussein's main palace in Baghdad to shield it from any U.S. attack.

The move was reminiscent of Saddam's attempt before the 1991 Persian Gulf War to use Westerners in Iraq as "human shields" for factories and office buildings he feared would be targeted by the U.S.-led allied forces.

In New York, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz met Monday with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, and despite coaxing by Annan, refused to

reverse Baghdad's order barring U.S. arms inspectors. Aziz was pressing to present his side of things to the U.N. Security Council.

At the heart of the crisis is Iraq's opposition to 6 1/2-year-old U.N. arms inspections, part of sanctions that were an outgrowth of the Gulf war. Specifically, Iraq objects to the presence of American inspectors on those teams, accusing them of being spies seeking to gather information for an attack on Baghdad. For the past week, Baghdad has said it would fire upon U.N. surveillance planes.

However, Iraqi anti-aircraft batteries did not try to stop a U.S.-piloted plane that crossed into southern Iraq from Saudi Arabia on Monday morning. The government said it was out of range of Iraqi gunners.

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In Memoriam

Students say 'Goodbye' to a good friend

Rob was a witty, fun-loving guy who enjoyed life, and always liked to make people happy.

by Dale Carnegie

On the morning after Halloween, an accident occurred that affected the entire campus. Around 3 a.m., UB lost a great student and athlete, and the students – a good friend. Rob Schweizer was critically injured in a car accident that would eventually take his life. Rob was 19 – he was born on June 16, 1978.

Rob had a lot of friends on campus that have been hurt by this terrible tragedy. Rob was a witty, fun-loving guy who enjoyed life, and always liked to make people happy. That is why he made so many friends in his short time here.

"Rob was the type of guy that lived life to the fullest, that is how I will remember him," said Joel Rodriguez. Life to him was an adventure, and every day was another chance to experience it. Paul Kular said Rob always made people laugh.

Some of us have only known him for a very short time, some have known him for years, but he still managed to make an impact on everyone that knew him.

People might ask why did this have to happen, and the truth is no one

really knows. Life can be so fragile and unforgiving at times, the person you see one day might not be there the next. That is why it is important that we don't make enemies, because the way we treat people can affect the way they remember us when we are gone.

My time with Rob was filled with pure laughter and enjoyment. That is how I will remember him: a guy that could make me laugh even when I was upset. We all should ask ourselves what Rob did for us and how he made us feel. It won't be hard to find the joy he brought to our lives.

Rob wasn't only a student on campus, he also an athlete who spent a lot of his time on the baseball field. He was a starting pitcher for the UB Purple Knights, and he was good at what he did. Coach Baptista had a lot of expectation for him this season.

"Rob loved to play baseball," said Paul. He loved baseball as much as he loved life. "He pitched two games during the pre-season, and went one and one."

"He was one hell of a pitcher," said



Rob made life in the dorms more interesting.

coach Baptista. Rob had a passion for the game of baseball – one that could not be easily matched. His love for the game was what he passed on to his teammates.

The UB Purple Knights will be dedicating the 1998 season to Rob. When they take the field, Rob will be in their thoughts, and the way he

played will always be an example to them. We don't know why he died, but things happen for a reason. Let's learn from his mistakes, and grow as individuals from this tragedy.

When we speak of Rob, let's not associate him with words of sadness, let's remember him in with laughter and joy – that is how he would want to be remembered. The lesson Rob's death taught us can be seen on all of his friends' faces. It is a lesson that all of us can learn from. He taught us that we should appreciate each day of our lives, because we never know which day will be the last.

Life goes on. Rob would never want his death to affect his friends and family. It will take a long time and a lot of tries to put this one behind us, but the day will come when we will cry the tears of joy when we think about the good times we spent with Rob.

"Rob will definitely be looking down on us," said Joel, and we will definitely be praying for him. May his soul rest in peace, and may his memory be forever in our hearts. All we can say is thank you Rob for all the joy you brought to our lives. It is important that we move on, but let us never forget.

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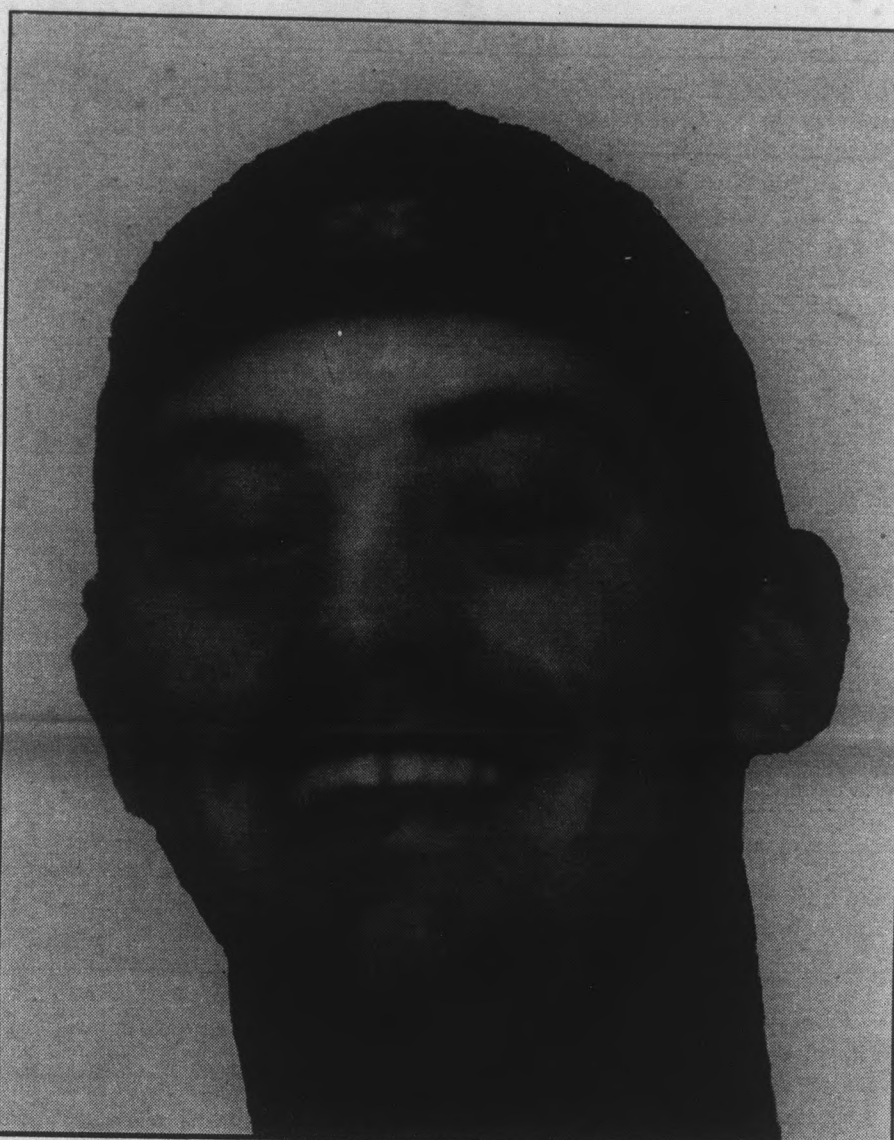
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Special Report

Organ brokering - is it ethical?

by Lafir Thassim

Although federal and state laws prohibit anyone from offering to buy or sell a human organ or tissue, it is being questioned whether the status quo should be maintained. According to Prof. Timothy Eves, of UB's School of Social Sciences, the ethical aspects of this issue can be considered in two ways, through a "forward" approach and a "backward" approach.

The "forward" approach considers the consequences of the activity under consideration, and if these consequences are considered desirable, then the activity maybe considered "ethical." What are the possible benefits of organ brokering? It may be said that the beneficiaries of the organ will be able to lead a life of considerably less hardship, than they would have without the organ.

For example, the treatment currently available for a kidney failure is either In-Hospital Hemodialysis, or a kidney transplant. Hemodialysis would require the patient to visit the hospital very often for treatment, whereas a kidney transplant would enable the patient to continue to lead a normal life. Also, a transplant has other less obvious advantages. Transplants would actually save the health care system money over time.

According to the Kidney Foundation, dialysis costs approximately \$50,000 per year, whereas a kidney transplant would cost approximately \$20,000 once and a follow-up cost of approximately \$5,000 per year. This represents a cost saving of about \$430,000 over a 10-year period. It has also been estimated that the remains of a single person can help as many as 13 people, sometime making the crucial difference between life and death.

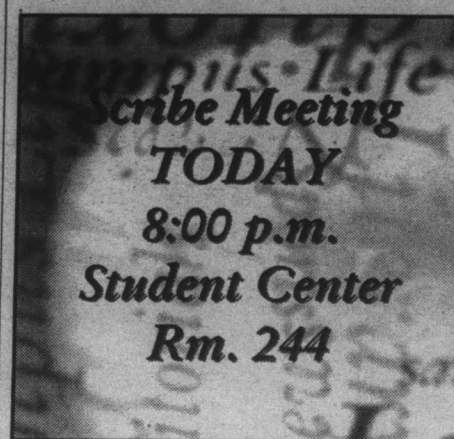
However, organ brokering could give rise to certain unpleasant results. If organ brokering is condoned, it would give a cash value to one's physique, which in turn might encourage the "theft" of one's body parts.

The "backward" approach mentioned by Prof. Eves, looks into the "past" of a given action to consider if the rights of all the parties have been taken into consideration. In this case, it would seem that provided the "sellers" of the organs do so under their consent, and given the "buyers" have a so-called right to live, that there is no conflict.

However, Prof. Eves noted that it is questionable whether, as in the case of Dr. Dai, the death row prisoners in China were given the opportunity of a "free and fair" trial. It is also debatable whether the buyers of the organs

from China would readily agree to buy the organs if they knew of the source.

Therefore, it can be said that the issue of organ brokering cannot be simply brushed aside as an unthinkable and nor can it be condoned as a simple extension of the notion of "free enterprise" to the commercialization of the human body.



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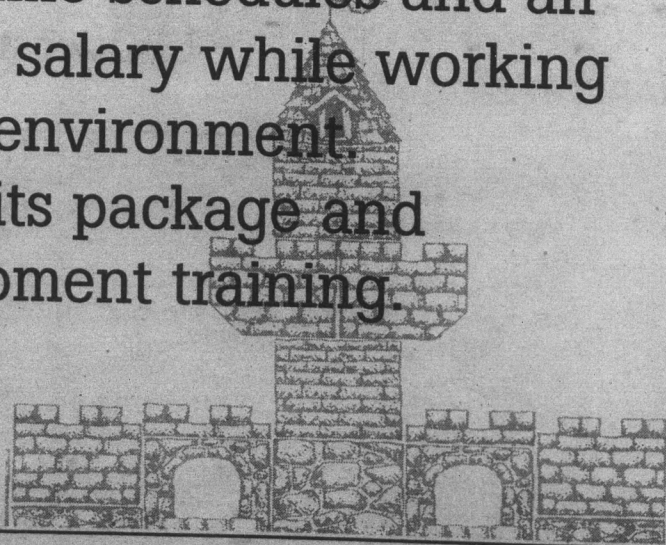


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In the U.S., everyone is innocent until proven guilty

by Lucas Mc Cloud

With all the hype surrounding the alleged selling of organs by Mr. Dai Yong, some important facts have been lost that are crucial to the situation. Mr. Dai, on ABC's "Primetime Live" on October 15, was caught on tape offering to sell a kidney for \$30,000 to an undercover reporter.

The first fact is that he had only verbally agreed to sell the kidney to the reporter. He did not have a kidney on him, waiting only for payment, before turning it over. Mr. Dai only engaged the reporter in a conversation about organ selling, and the first amendment protects his right to free speech, even if it includes dialogue about organ selling. There is no law against that.

Second, Mr. Dai has only been alleged to have been selling organs. No matter what, even if it caught on tape selling the organ, he is still innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

In the United States, we have a tendency to accept what any news media program tells us they caught someone on tape doing.

There are laws on the rights of the accused, and nowhere does it say that the news media may pronounce someone guilty based on their "exclusives." Sometimes, the news media reports an

issue so as it looks like the accused is guilty.

The news media has been wrong before, and that is why they are usually not allowed in a court of law. If that was the case, we just might have even more overcrowding in jails than there is now.

To the media, as long as there is some circumstantial evidence, and an interview they can edit their hearts out to, there is no reason why any and everyone could not be found guilty of some horrible crime.

According to Connecticut law, if someone is found guilty of selling organs, they are subject to a maximum \$2,000 fine. However, Mr. Dai, if charged, will not be charged in Connecticut, because he was allegedly selling organs in New York.

According to the U.S. penal code, selling of organs is punishable by a \$50,000 fine and/or five years imprisonment until proven guilty.

The key factor remains that Mr. Dai is only alleged to have been selling organs, and the only wrongdoing he might have done is not following through on a verbal agreement of selling organs. In this case, he would be violating fraud laws, and not organ selling laws. Either way, he is still innocent.

A little aside on organ selling. It seems that the rich and famous have

almost no problem getting vital organs when they are in dire need of them. Remember Mickey Mantle? How on earth did he manage to be put on the top of the wait list for organs, when there were who knows how many more people ahead of him?

It seems that all the other people on the list were not good enough for an organ to be given to them, or was it that Mickey Mantle was a sports "hero?"

I guess if we, the non-rich and famous, were able to suddenly come up with lots of money, our lives would be important also. Everyone is equal, some are just more equal than others.

Special Report

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Such an opportunity to the university was not given. Certainly, the excuse is: they didn't want to speak in such a short notice. But that was not the most important and breaking story of the day for Channel 8 not to be able to leave it for the next day.

Some students whom the Channel 8 reporter promised to interview on the weekend after the story was aired are still waiting for his phone call. Maybe they are just desperate optimists.

And yet many people wonder, why didn't the local media cover the visit to UB of the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations. "Good news is no news," is the answer.

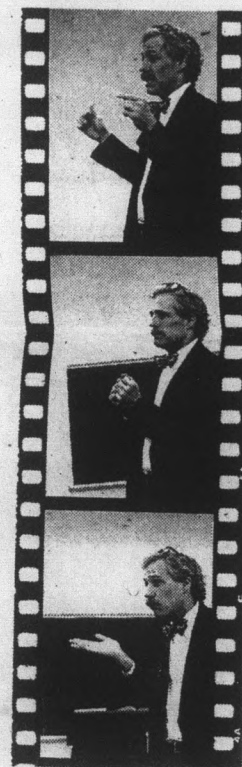
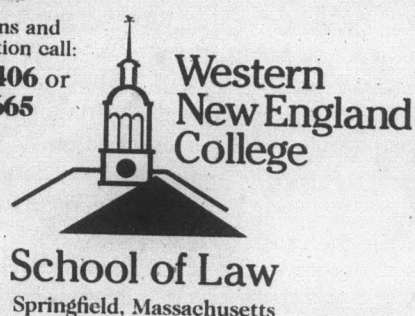
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When asked about Lee Marrero's case, he passionately said that "UB's treatment of Marrero was despicable." He also called for an investigation since "his basic rights had been violated."

According to Mr. Finch, this is not a battle against another religion. The Coalition supports the right to individual religions. However, the organization is against the Unification Church's tactics of "deceiving people through the process of cult brainwashing," or "mind control."

However, Dr. Guerra explained that these were very old allegations and that brainwashing by the Unification Church was a topic that had been debated constantly in courts in the 1970s. And it was concluded that the Church used techniques no different from other churches to gain prospective members.

Apart from that, Dr. Guerra believes that "the real source of the accusation is the common fear of religion - particularly a new religion combined with a not-so-subtle prejudice against Asians, particularly Koreans."

He also believes that "brainwashing was introduced to the American public during the Korean war and since the church originated in Korea, its opponents use it as a common prejudice in fear of Asians and it stuck even though the courts have rejected it."

According to an opinion piece in the Your Voice column in the Connecticut Post on October 20, "during that entire time (five years) no evidence has been produced, nor accusation ever substantiated to support the

coalition's contentions.... To date there has yet to be found factual support of existence of inappropriate influence by the Unification Church or Moon."

The author of the article, William Bevacqua is former head of the state Board of Governors for Higher Education. He also personally led the Accreditation Review of the university at the time of the Professors World Peace Academy assumed control of UB.

"The review process revealed no tangible evidence of wrongdoing to support the allegations being made by the coalition," says Mr. Bevacqua.

Currently, the Coalition of Concerned Citizens has about 200 people on its mailing list. Its leading members are Rabbi Israel Stein, Bill Finch and Kate Daniel.

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The British all-girl band the Spice Girls continued at the fourth MTV Europe Music Awards in Rotterdam last Thursday as they scooped the coveted Best Group award.

They beat off the all-male challenge of fellow nominees Oasis, The Prodigy, Radiohead and U2. (AP)

Yve Montand's body to be exhumed

The body of Yves Montand is to be exhumed for genetic testing to settle a longstanding paternity suit against the popular entertainer. The testing is scheduled to take place before June 30, 1998. (AP)

Marv calls longtime lover a liar

Marv Albert said that he had a "purely sexual" 10-year relationship with Perhach and suggested that she brought forcible sodomy charges against him because she knew he was about to get engaged to someone else. "I thought she was my friend. What happened, what she did to me, is just unbelievable," Albert said. (AP)

Stephen King signs up new contract

Stephen King, has scared up a new three-book deal with Simon and Schuster and a new way for publishers and authors to do business. The best-selling author will receive only "token" advances and royalties for the books covered by the new contract.

Movie Review

"Mad City"

With such films as "Z," "State of Siege" and "Missing," Costa-Gavras established himself as the foremost exponent of political thrillers. Now he has directed a lacerating satire of television news that makes "Network" seem like a tea party.

"Mad City" exposes the worst of broadcast journalism: the pack mentality, the hounding of crime victims, the fierce competition for "hot" news events, the cynicism of youthful network executives, the egomaniacal anchor persons.

It all starts because a dimwitted museum guard (John Travolta) has been laid off. He is so desperate to regain his job and support his wife and two children that he enters the museum with a rifle and a bag of dynamite. At first, he merely pleads with the museum boss, Blythe Danner, to be rehired.

Dustin Hoffman, a defrocked network reporter reduced to field work at a TV station in a medium-sized California city, happens to arrive at the museum to cover a humdrum story. He is there when the erratic Travolta threatens to hold hostage the boss, a flock of school kids and their teacher until his job is returned.

When Travolta accidentally shoots the guard outside the front door, Hoffman sees the making of a sensational news story, one which would return him to network status. He begins to manipulate Travolta's mind, planning each move to guarantee that

the story will grow, ensuring Hoffman of exclusive coverage.

As the police and news crews converge, Hoffman gets permission from the authorities to televise Travolta's plaint. And the nation sees this as simple-minded plea for a return to his previous life.

Hoffman's exclusive infuriates network anchor Alan Alda, still nursing a vendetta against the reporter for messing up a story filed years ago. Alda flies to California, vowing to take over the story.

The FBI takes notice, dispatching a crew of sharpshooters with the mission to take out Travolta when possible. The bureau commander assumes control, dictating tactics to the local lawman. (Another black eye from Hollywood to the FBI.)

Costa-Gavras keeps the action moving, often with surprising twists, and he is astute in his treatment of the news industry's ills, evoking laughter at the absurdities.

Hoffman dominates "Mad City" with his blistering portrait of an over-ambitious reporter who finds his conscience late in the game. Travolta, with sideburns down to his jaw bone, is perfect as the befuddled hostage taker. No more Mr. Nice Guy for Alda, who is absolutely compelling as the venal anchor man.

The Warner Bros. release was produced by Arnold and Anne Kopelson. Rated PG-13 for language and children in jeopardy. (AP)

"La Bohème" to hit stage at UB

by K. C. Tham

Bizet's famous "La Bohème" is to hit stage at UB next week. In celebration of its 70th anniversary, the University has invited the Henry Opera House of New York City to perform at the Arnold Bernhard Center on November 21 and 22.

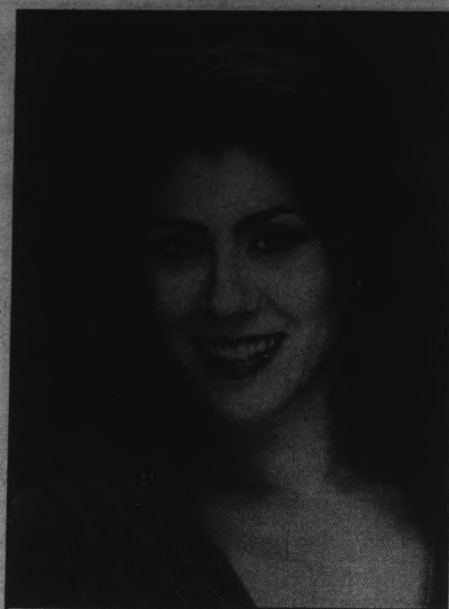
A love story, "La Bohème" is a favorite of millions of opera lovers around the world. With four acts composed of a love story, comedic scenes and beautiful music, it is to be performed at UB by 17 professional singers and an orchestra.

Although a number of UB students

were supposed to take part in the performance, only one, Emiko Sato, is actually part of it. Another student recently gave up because of transportation problems. The rehearsals demanded traveling to New York City three times a week during the last two months, and with the performance date getting closer, the rehearsals have become daily.

"This opera is one of my favorites and the music is very beautiful indeed," said Emiko. She will be performing in the second and third acts of the opera.

Tickets are priced at \$5 for students and \$10 for the rest of the audience.



Tamara Kaufman, as Mimi in "La Bohème."

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Music Awards

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Best Male: Jon Bon Jovi

Best Group: Spice Girls

Best Dance: The Prodigy

Best Breakthrough: Hanson

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US Top 5

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1. "I Know What You Did Last Summer," Sony-Columbia
2. "Red Corner," MGM
3. "Devil's Advocate," Warner Bros.
4. "Boogie Nights," New Line
5. "Kiss the Girls," Paramount

Singles

1. "Candle in the Wind 97," Elton John
2. "You Make Me Wanna...," Usher
3. "How Do I Live," Leann Rimes
4. "4 Seasons of Loneliness," Boyz II Men
5. "All Cried Out," Allure featuring 112

Albums

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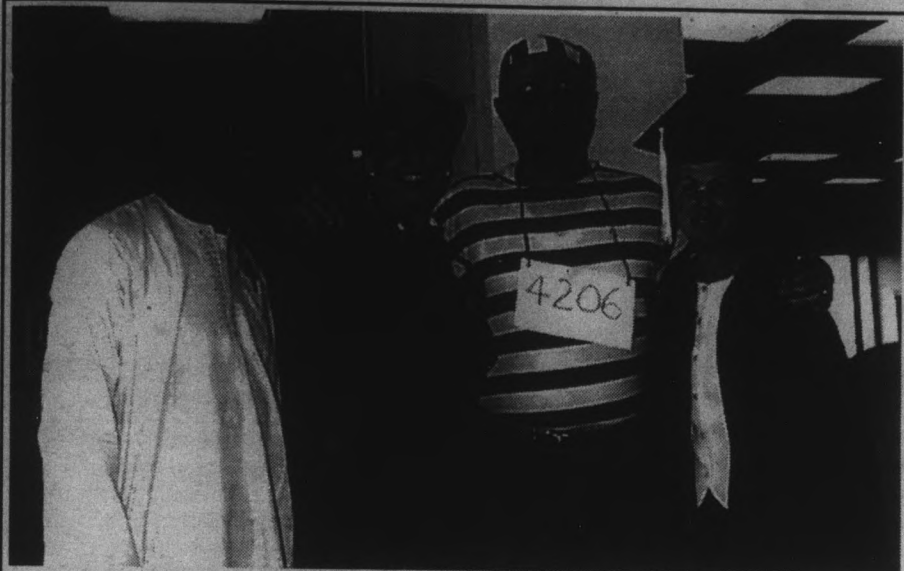
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Behind these costumes, you may recognize familiar faces from the Admissions Office Halloween party.

Halloween dance attracts 60, in spite of harsh weather

by Michelle Sjostedt

It was a dark and stormy night. But the inclement weather didn't stop the students of UB from showing up in full force to the SCBOD sponsored Halloween Dance.

Held in the Faculty Dining Room in the Student Center, the dance got off to a slow start with no more than ten people during the first hour. Slowly people came in small groups until there were nearly 60 dancing amid the strobe lights and house music blaring from the speakers.

The cost to get in was \$3 for students with costumes, and \$5 for those without, but nearly all in attendance wore some form of costume. Whether they were store bought or made in the dorms twenty minutes earlier, the costumes, varying from pregnant gypsy women to the more traditional witches and vampires, were greatly admired by the other partygoers.

The festively decorated dining room helped put everyone in the spirit of the holiday — from the artfully arranged toilet paper, balloons and black and orange streamers strewn across the room, to the flashing lights and atmospheric darkened entrance way.

As usual the students of UB came together to have a good time, putting aside any problems they might have had in order to enjoy the music and food. Truly epitomizing the purpose of UB were the students who came dressed in costumes from their native country, representing the various cultures that come together to form the diverse family of our school.

Though this party was more of a success than past SCBOD events, they still didn't make a profit. Approximately \$400 in revenue was brought in by the dance, but that wasn't enough to cover the organizing costs, and all the expenses involved. It seems that no matter how much of an effort is put into these parties, SCBOD suffers a financial loss.

The reasoning behind that is unclear, because the students who do attend the parties always have a good time, and are the first ones to arrive at the next one. Yet, there are students on campus who have never been to one of the parties, and don't have

any intentions on going.

This is a perfect example of a situation where you don't know how good something is until you lose it. If SCBOD habitually loses money on these functions, and students don't show a genuine interest in it, then they might stop sponsoring them. If they did that, then the students who complain about the lack of activities on campus would actually have a point.

But if there aren't any more theme parties, comedy nights, or any other of the multitude of events that SCBOD sponsors, many students on campus would be disappointed.

Little 'ghosts' visit UB on Halloween

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

Twenty-two children from the Bridgeport Hope Elementary School visited UB on Halloween day and trick or treated in Barnum Hall.

The children varied from pre-kindergarten to sixth grade, and were between the ages of 3 and 11. They were dressed in a multitude of creative costumes including witches, princesses and ghosts. They left their school on Lafayette Street at 1 p.m., and headed for the Wahlstrom Library and Mandeville Hall, where they paraded much to the delight of students, staff and faculty.

At 2 p.m., they entered Barnum Hall to be greeted with the sight of a decorated lobby. This sported faux spider webs, giant spiders, bats and pumpkins. The children wasted no time in tackling the pre-warned students at Barnum.

The children knocked at every door bearing a picture of a pumpkin and were showered with candy by residents, some of whom took the trouble to dress up.

At 3 p.m., the children and their teachers assembled downstairs and were treated to more candy and juice from the resident advisors. The children, most of whom were from Romania, Korea, the United States, Peru and Germany, also managed to collect \$80 for UNICEF.

Haunted House brings scares and cold

by Ana Kleshelskaya

Setting the atmosphere for the upcoming Halloween, on October 30, a group of clubs joined their efforts in scaring the UB community in one of the presently closed residential halls — Chaffee Hall. The Fashion Merchandizing Club, the Art Association, Black Student Alliance, Latin American Club, Sigma Tau Delta and Pi Psi Omega organized the event, known as Haunted House.

People started arriving and jamming at the door around 10 p.m., and half-an-hour later it was already packed with over 30 students eager to get in. Having only one person at the door to regulate the flow of people in and out, the situation slowly started getting out of hand.

Every time the doors opened, the crowd of awaiting students, by then united into one, would forcefully push through the entrance trying to get in and swiping everything in their way. As only eight people were allowed in at a time, the rest of the old and the newly arriving crowd was getting impatient.

The temperature dropped unexpectedly low that night, and those waiting outside in the cold were left to cramp closer together waiting for the "thrill of lifetime."

By 11 p.m. some had been waiting already for an hour, and agitated with no seeming line order, some would just cling closer together, while the others would crack the uncalled-for jokes, and a few people actually left.

Both organizers and crowd used a few "heated up" phrases, and if the waiting period was recorded on a tape and censored for profanities with a beep sound, there would be a lot of beeping heard.

"I wish it was a little bit more organized at the entrance, and people wouldn't curse so much," said one of the students who finally squeezed in after waiting for an hour in the cold.

However, once the people got out of the Haunted House, most agreed that all of the clubs did a great job putting the event together, and a few confessed that at times it was really scary.

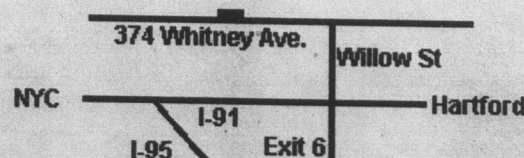
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Miscellaneous

Pregnancies and venereal diseases decrease, sex educators

by Fabiola Trivino

The number of pregnancies and people with venereal diseases has decreased in the United States, despite the invariable number of sexually active individuals, Planned Parenthood educators told UB students at a sex education workshop October 23.

Outreach educators John and Marilyn Moore told in Bodine Hall their audience of 17 men and 12 women that those statistics are a result of various sex education campaigns all over the country.

"The workshop has a positive turnout," said Ola Ogunye. She added that the video and the explicit slides the educators showed actually made people think and realize that they must be careful and protect themselves.

On the other hand, some students said that this type of workshop induces

people to have pre-marital sex. The educators mentioned, though, that their purpose is not to induce people to have sex but to prevent and protect those who want to have it.

Constant van Winden, a junior, told the speakers that the video they showed should have indicated that sex is not a casual thing but something between a married couple. Stephan Krastev, a sophomore, said that marriage shouldn't be a requirement in order to have sex. "Sex is when two people fuse in one, physically and emotionally, and you don't need to be married in order to experience this," he said.

The Planned Parenthood representatives distributed condoms and asked the audience for further questions and offered a free gynecological check-out at their Bridgeport Health Center.

Power black-out changes life in dorms

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

At 10 p.m. on October 23, officer Wilson called the dispatcher at Burns Security to report hearing an explosion in the manholes behind Marina Dining Hall. Officer Weinz, on bike patrol, reported that power was partially out in Marina, Barnum and Seeley Halls.

Security immediately informed the Buildings and Grounds people and the Director of Residential Life, David Oestreicher. Officers were sent to each building on campus to see what was affected. They discovered that all the academic buildings were fully functional.

Workers from the electrical company, Hazard, was brought in around midnight. They found that two of the three lines underground which distributed power among UB were burnt out.

Hazard workers decided that it would not be possible to fix the prob-

lem that night.

As power was out at the Health Center, the perishable medication was put in ice boxes in the Burns Security office which was fully operational. Calls made to the health center were also directed to the security building.

Initially, the plan was to shut down all power at 2 a.m., and to try to fix the cables while the students were sleeping. But later, it was decided to shut off the power at 8 a.m.

Barnum and Seeley were silent without the usual noise of television and music that night. Students wandered around in a daze, not knowing how to spend their time.

Lunch on the next day was a semi-cold meal served under poor light at Marina.

At 2 p.m., a resounding cheer shook the residence halls, as electricity came back - four hours sooner than predicted.

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UB career, said Director of Athletics Bob Baird.

The athletic department is also very delighted at the return of two seasoned veterans, senior guard Billy Blackburn and center Ron Chase. These newcomers have combined to give Bridgeport a combination of speed and power.

Six-foot David Lemanczyk from Nassau Community College averaged 17 points per game for his former Alma-Mater, Jeffrey Alleyne of Brooklyn, New York, averaged 11 point per game at Mitchell College, and 6-5 Jamie Rowe, a 12-point scorer at Salem High school, may all find themselves in starting roles for the Purple Knights.

This injury plague season could turn out to be very interesting, simply because rookie sensations can be very

thrilling.

One never knows what to expect until they step on the court. With the exception of a few seasoned veterans, UB's men basketball team is mostly composed of college rookies.

These talented rookies include 6-2 De Vonne Parker of Waterbury, Connecticut, 6-5 Eric Smiles of Huntington, New York, and 6-4 Dennis Eanotti of Bridgeport.

UB also has three front-court newcomers in, 5-10 Brandon Womack of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, 6-2 Mike Kerrigan of Brooklyn, New York, and 6-4 Babatunde of Baltimore, Woodland High school. These three freshman will be competing for time in the front court.

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story from currently enrolled students, as well as an opening poem by Johanna J. Hose, who graduated last May.

Both faculty and students found that a great effort was put forward in producing and distributing the magazine.

According to one of the editors of Full Moon, Tracy Holle, the magazine has received mostly good response from students.

President Rubenstein has personally congratulated the editors on reestablishing this good UB tradition.

Full Moon is open to any suggestions from students, and its editors strongly encourage everyone interested to submit creative work as soon as possible.

The editors hope put together another issue by the beginning of the Spring semester.

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unless legal action is taken nothing could be done about the case.

Ms. Marino said that the University could not reveal any of the information connected to Lee's case simply because it would mean violating his personal rights. "The University's position," she said, "is that Lee Marrero has the same rights as any other student on this campus and if he feels in any way that he is having a problem with any administrators, he should follow the grievance procedure as outlined on page 60 of the Student Handbook."

It is now up to Lee and his attorney to decide whether to take any legal action against the University.



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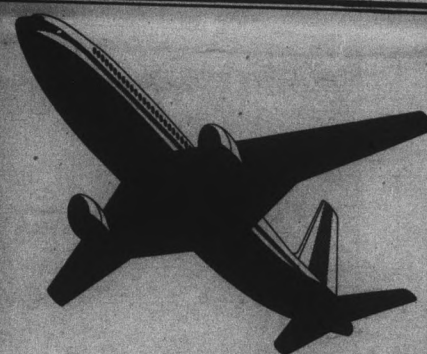
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